

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02018-EGS**

CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES v. US  
 IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT  
 Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
 Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/08/2019  
 Jury Demand: None  
 Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
 Information Act  
 Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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 STUDIES**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against US IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6237258) filed by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for Defendant, # <u>3</u> Summons for Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for US Attorney)(Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 07/08/2019)
07/10/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zeg) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/10/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 07/10/2019)
07/11/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice

		and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
08/13/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/23/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/22/2019. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/13/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/23/2019. (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/13/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT served on 7/22/2019 (Axelrod, Julie) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/15/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/19/2019	<u>8</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>8</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint. Defendant shall file its answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by no later than September 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/19/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer or other response to Complaint due by 9/23/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/27/2019	<u>9</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 08/27/19. (Attachment: Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 08/27/2019)
09/20/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint. Defendant shall file its answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint by no later than October 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 9/20/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 09/20/2019)
09/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Answer to complaint due by 10/23/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/22/2019)
10/23/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 10/23/2019)
10/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than November 20, 2019. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/24/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 11/20/2019 (mac) (Entered: 10/24/2019)

11/20/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 11/20/2019)
11/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In view of the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report that states the parties have engaged in settlement discussions, the parties are directed to file another joint status report by no later than January 21, 2020. The parties shall file a proposed order with each joint status report. In the event that the parties reach a settlement and agree to dismiss this case before January 21, 2020, the parties shall file an appropriate stipulation. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 11/20/2019. (lcegs3) (Entered: 11/20/2019)
11/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report Or Stipulation due by 1/21/2020. (mac) (Entered: 11/21/2019)
12/04/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Sean Michael Tepe on behalf of U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT Substituting for attorney Jason Cohen (Tepe, Sean) (Entered: 12/04/2019)